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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a
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translation is readily available, such translation is also enclosed and attached to

documents contain information which the Examiner should consider during examination of the present application.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

The undersigned is also enclosing herewith a copy of a Search Report issued April 14, 2000 in the International counterpart of the present patent application, in which the presently disclosed references were cited. Since the Search Report is in English, it is believed that the applicants in the above-identified

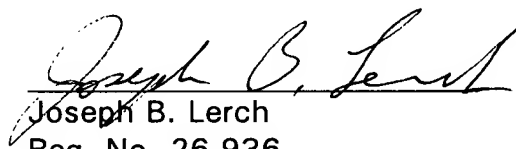
the copy of the document. If a translation is not attached, it is not readily available to the undersigned. If a foreign language patent document is cited, and an English language equivalent is known to the undersigned, then the English equivalent patent is also listed on the enclosed form along with the corresponding foreign language patent and a connecting arrow indicates the relationship between them. If no such English language equivalent is cited, then none is known to the undersigned.

patent application have now met the "concise explanation" requirement of 35 C.F.R. 1.98 with respect to References 10-12 on the attached form PTO 1449.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph B. Lerch", is written over a horizontal line.

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